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Franklin L. Tinker House

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The Franklin L. Tinker house stands on the northeast corner of Green and Locust streets on a lot that fronts Green Street, formerly Mill Street. The two-story, three-bay frame house faces south with the principal gable oriented on an east/west axis.

Built around 1790-1798, the two-story side hall/parlor frame house is supported by a minimal brick foundation and sheathed with aluminum siding. The asphalt shingle roof has a steep pitch, and is finished with a boxed cornice and flush gable ends. The chimney stack has been dismantled. A two-story shed addition extends from the back of the house in addition to a single-story service wing.

The south (main) elevation is an asymmetrical three-bay facade. The first floor front wall of the house has been relocated six-feet back from its original location in order to accomodate a glassed-in porch. The uneven wall surface is sheathed with novelty siding. Fixed in the west bay is the entrance with a replacement door, while the adjacent bays are filled with large-size six-over-six sash windows. The second floor is lighted by three evenly six-over-six sash windows fitted with louvered shutters. The boxed cornice above the windows is trimmed with a bed molding.

The west gable end is partially covered by a glassed-in porch which is an extension of the front porch. The upper gable end is pierced by a smaller sash window. The north side of the main block is fully covered by a two-story shed roofed section which is finished in an ordinary manner. Extending from the shed roofed section are later one- and two-story additions attached during the twentieth century. The east gable end is lighted by six-over-six sash windows on each floor including the attic. A modern brick stove stack has been added to the east side.

Inside, the house has been remodeled, but significant late eighteenth-century features have survived. Most noteworthy is the period stair with a slender turned newel post and a molded handrail. The balusters are replacements, and the stringer is plain. The stair rises in two flights to the second floor. The balance of first floor woodwork dates from later remodeling. The second floor, on the other hand, has not been modified as much. The period newel posts and handrail frames in the stair well, while the winder attic stair is enclosed with diagonal beaded boards. Two exposed steps lead to a raised six-panel door which covers the balance of the stair. Period chair rail also survives in the upstairs hall. A raised six-panel door also provides access to the small, front room. The doors to the small front room as well as the east bedroom are framed by a cavetto molded surround. Built-in twentieth-century closets have been added to the hall.

The attic is divided into two rooms by a beaded board partition fixed in place by wrought-iron nails. The door is gone. The common rafters are half-lapped at the peak, and the joint is held together by wrought-iron nails. The lapped collar beams are fixed with wrought-iron nails as well. The only other notable feature is the simple square newel post and rectangular balusters that remain in place around the stair well.

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9. Major Bibliographical References

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FRANKLIN L. TINKER HOUSE

YEAR: 1986 VOL: 611 PAGE: 105

FROM: Ruth N. Tinker by Patricia C. Thomas, AIF PRICE: \$217,500

TO: Henry J. Hobbs, Jr. and James A. Valliant

NOTES Parcel one (of three): lot on corner of Green and Cedar Streets, formerly known as Mill and Locust Streets, facing on Church Cove, having a frontage of eighty-eight, five inches (88'5") on said Green Street and a depth of one

hundred thirty feet (130') on Cedar Street.

Conveyed to Franklin L. Tinker and Ruth N. Tinker by Flora L. Parker 1952,

297/81. Franklin L. Tinker died Dec. 1985

YEAR: 1952 VOL: 297 PAGE: 81 FROM: Flora L. Parker PRICE:

TO: Franklin L. and Ruth H. Tinker

NOTES Corner of Green and Cedar Streets (formerly Mill and Locust) facing on Church Cove. 88 feet 5 inches on Green Street with a depth of 130 feet on Cedar. Conveyed to Grace Parker Newton by Katie L. Kemp, widow 1946, 264/503.

Divised to Flora L. Parker by Grace Parker Newton by will: 1951, 27/340.

YEAR: 1946 VOL: 264 PAGE: 503

FROM: Katie L. Kemp, widow PRICE:

TO: Grace Parker Newton NOTES Same description.

Conveyed to J.H. Caulk Kemp and Katie L. Kemp by Mary V. Warner and Donald C.

Warner 1940, 246/381. J. H. C. Kemp died 1943.

YEAR: 1940 VOL: 246 PAGE: 381

FROM: Mary V. Warner and Donald G. Warner PRICE:

TO: J. H. Caulk Kemp and Katie L. Kemp

NOTES Same description.

Conveyed to Mary V. and Donald G. Warner by Abbie Creamer 1938, 242/556.

YEAR: 1938 VOL: 242 PAGE: 556

FROM: Abbie Creamer PRICE:

TO: Mary V. and Donald G. Warner

NOTES Same decription.

Conveyed to John M. Creamer and Abbie Creamer by Joseph R. Walter 1932, 228/163.

John M. Creamer died, 1934.

YEAR: 1915 VOL: 170 PAGE: 4

FROM: Robert J. Kilpatrick, St. Louis, Mo. PRICE: \$500

TO: John M. Creamer, New York City.

NOTES Same description.

Conveyed to Robert J. Kilpatrick and John W. Creamer 1906, 146/256 by W. D. J.

Morris 1906, 146/256.

Also: 1932 228/163. Joseph R. Walter & Marie A. to John M. & Abbie Creamer.

1932 228/162. John M. & Abbie Creamer to Joseph R. Walter

YEAR: 1906 VOL: 146 PAGE: 256

FROM: W. D. J. Morris, Ass. PRICE: \$759.58 TO: John M. Creamer and Robert J. Kilpatrick

NOTES Sale was made on default of a mortgage from John F. Mansfield and Laura

J. Mansfield to Thomas B. Bauer 1898, 128/489.

YEAR: 1898 VOL: 128 PAGE: 489

FROM: John F. and Laura J. Mansfield PRICE:

TO: Thomas B. Baker

NOTES Mortgage for \$600. Adjoins Charles E. Willey (formerly Thomas Willey, dcd) at corner of Mill and Locust, now Green and Cedar Streets. Deed is 108'5" on Green Street by 130' on Cedar, narrowing to 117'6" on Willey side of lot. Conveyed to John F. Mansfield by John T. Harrison, PA 1873, 78/534. Except a strip of land conveyed off on the east side of the lot by John F. Mansfield to Charles E. Willey, 20 feet wide for the entire depth of the lot 1892, 117/173.

YEAR: 1873 VOL: 78 PAGE: 534

FROM: John Thomas Harrison, atty. PRICE: \$500

TO: John F. Mansfield

NOTES John Thomas Harrison is attorney for the heirs of Thomas Harrison, dcd. by virtue of a PA from Charles Harrison, Jr. and others dated 13 Dec. 1853. The lot adjoins the property of Thomas Willey located at the intersection of Mill and Locust Streets with a front on Mill Street from Thomas Willey's line to the corner of Locust Street of 108' 5" with a front on Locust Street of 130 feet.

YEAR: 1863 VOL: 71 PAGE: 423

FROM: John F and Laura Mansfield PRICE: \$100

TO: Commissioners of St. Michaels

NOTES A lot adjoining Mrs. Elizabeth Mansfield; run with her line N 134'; then E 40' to the W side of J. F. Mansfield; then S to Mill Street 130'; then W 40' to beginning. For the purpose of continuing Racket Alley through to Mill Street.

YEAR: 1854 VOL: 65 PAGE: 451

FROM: John F. Mansfield PRICE: mortgage

TO: John T. Harrison

NOTES Mansfield owes Harrison \$250 on four notes made in 1853 and 1854. As security he outs up a lot which begins at the SE corner of a lot on Mill Street owned and occupied by John Bruff, Senior; runs with said lot N 134', then E 143' to Thomas Willey, then S with Willey to Mill Street, with Mill Street W 136' to the beginning.

There is no record of the purchase of this lot by John F. Mansfield before the deed of 1873, 78/534 which does not cite any previous ownership by Mansfield. The original purchaser of the lot was Thomas Harrison in 1778 (see below). John T. Harrison was the attorney for the sale of the property by virtue of a Power of Attorney given by the heirs on 13 December 1853 as set forth in 1873, 78/534.

YEAR: 1778 VOL: 21 PAGE: 144 FROM: James Braddock PRICE: p60

TO: Thomas Harrison

NOTES Lot number 2 on the plat of St. Michaels. Begins at the S corner of lot number one on Mill Street; S 48 W 80' on Mill Street; N 35 deg 15min W with lot number 3 to "Stopper"; with "Stopper" to lot number one; with number one to the beginning.

This lot was one of the first eight lots sold by Braddock with a "made" date of 31 December 1778. Thomas Harrison is listed as the "son of Joseph". He probably built a dwelling on the site as deed 1794, 26/239 (a deed to lot #1) begins opposite the NE corner of Thomas Harrison's dwelling house. The lot was part of "Janes Progress".

Addendum:

A Talbot County Administration Bond for Edward Harrison posted in 1802 shows that Thomas Harrison, son of Joseph and Elizabeth Harrison, and Thomas Harrison Junior are one in the same person. Thomas Harrison, Junior, is not the son of Thomas Harrison as one might ordinarily expect. This error is contained in the Significance section of the inventory form prepared for the house.

Information provided by Tom Byrne, current owner.

Note by Elizabeth Hughes 1-17-96

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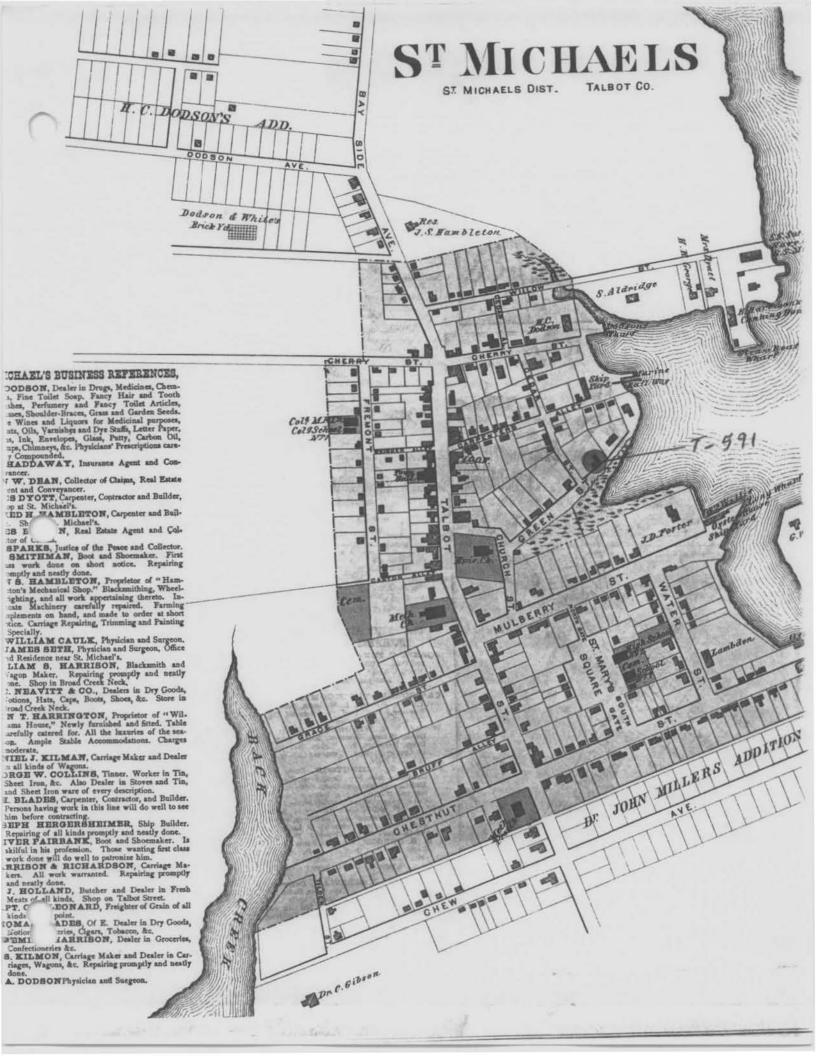
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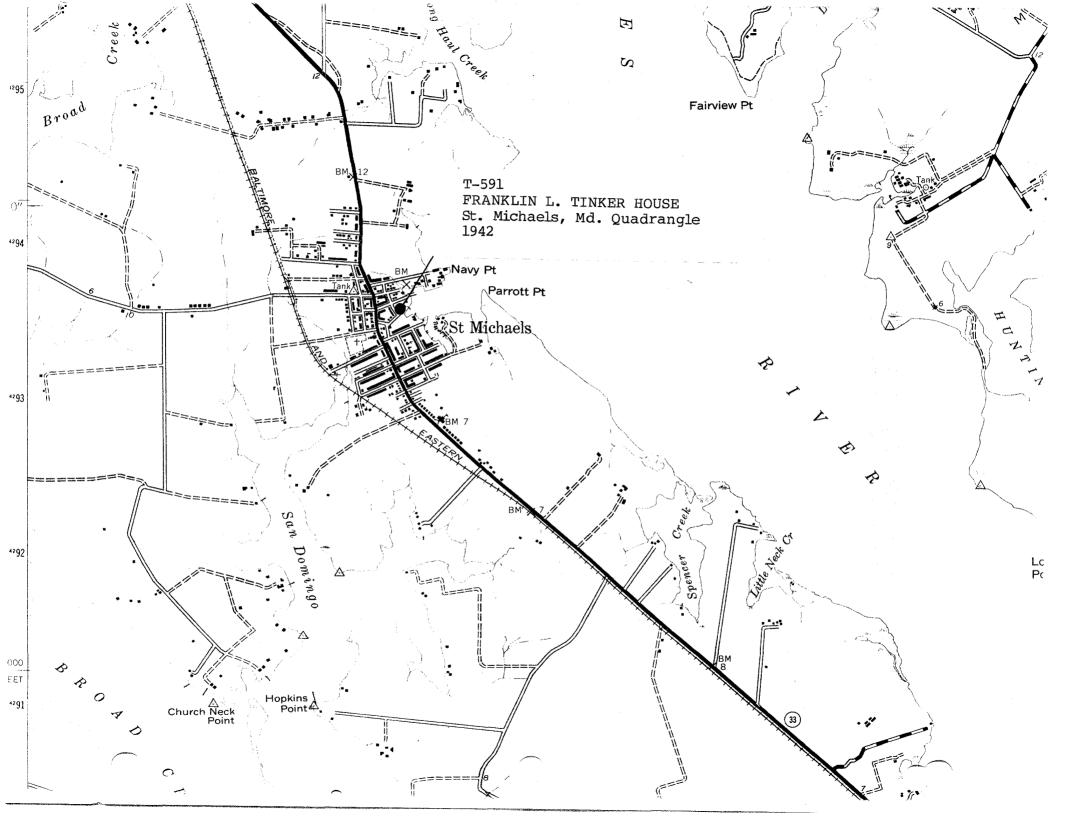
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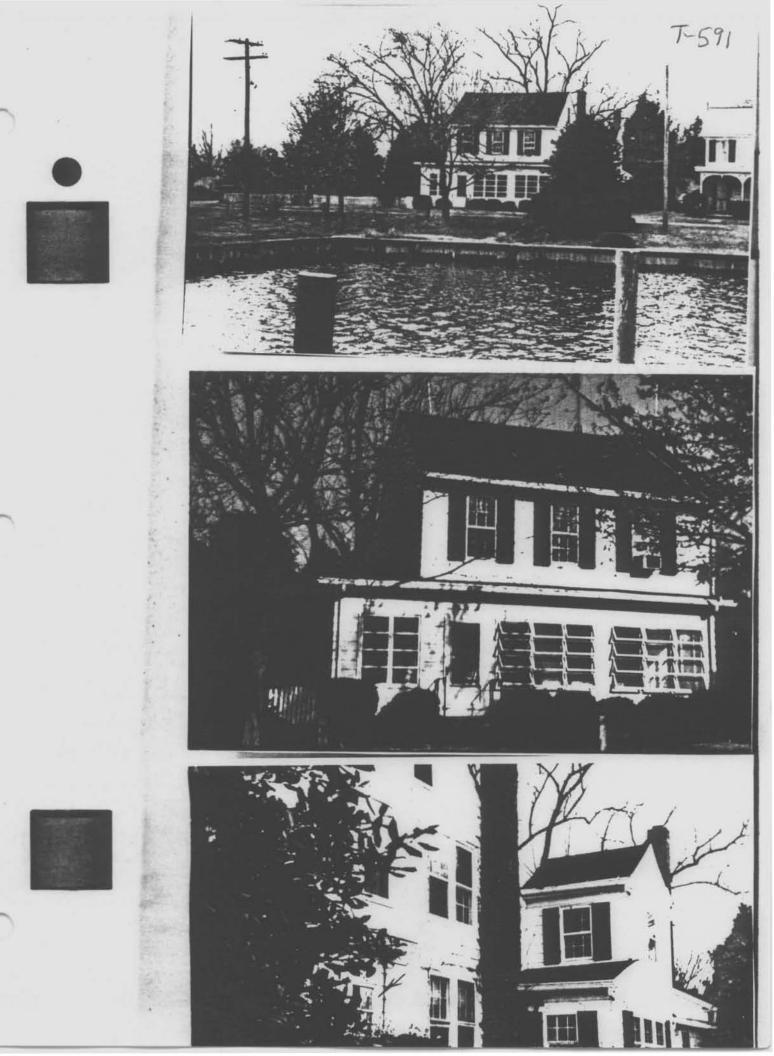
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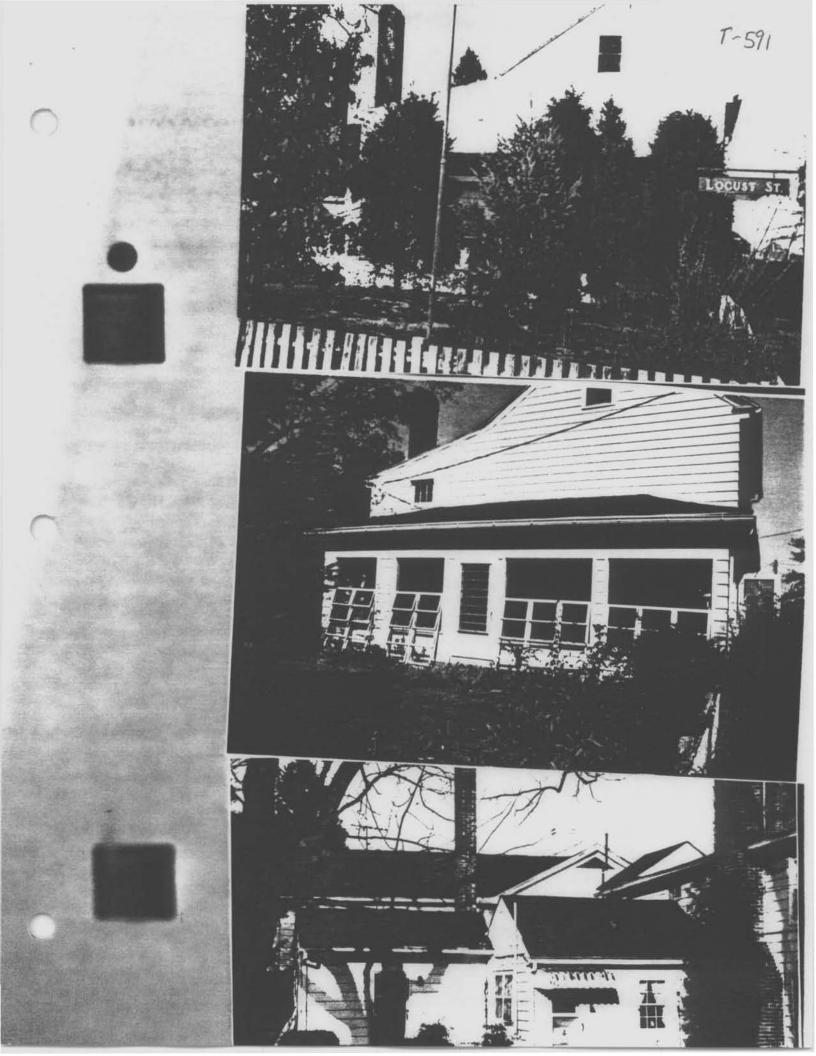
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